

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Title I District Wide Parent Involvement Council Day”

WHEREAS, Title I was established in 1965 under President Lyndon Baines Johnson to provide additional educational services to the educationally disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, in October, 1994, President William Jefferson Clinton signed into law the "IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT"; and

WHEREAS, Title I, the largest federal education program was re-authorized in this legislation and included the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which provided parents, advocates and school communities with the opportunity to use Title I for broader school reform; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the “No Child Left Behind Act” which began a new era of education in our nation’s history; Democrats and Republicans in Congress joined together with the President in an historic agreement to improve the educational opportunities for every American child – accountability, local control and flexibility, a new option for parents, and record funding for what works are now the cornerstones of our education system; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond County School Systems now has thirty Title I school-wide schools which are required by law to use the same high standards for Title I students as for all other students, as well as to provide qualified professional staff to ensure a challenging curriculum; and

WHEREAS, parents must be involved in the design, development, and implementation of the Title I program in order to assist their children at home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2005, to be “TITLE I DISTRICT WIDE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL DAY” in Augusta, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 27th day of April 2005.

Mayor